THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The State Government regulate the functioning of private institutions engaged in the delivery of health care services. This Ministry has received reports that the Institute is providing a high standard of services in Cardiology, Cardiac Surgery and other super-specialities.

(b) The Ministry has no scheme to extend financial assistance to such institutions. However, experts from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi have been assisting the hospitals in an advisory capacity and training their doctors.

(c) and (d) It is Governments' stated policy that hospitals should work for the poorer sections of society at least partially, particularly when they avail of concessions from the States, for establishing and running their hospitals.

Code of Conduct for Channels Operating on Doordarshan

*172. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any code of conduct has been prescribed for all T.V. Channels of Doordarshan, Government of private;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what punitive action is stipulated on violation thereof and;

(d) whether private T.V. channels will be prevented from politicising news adverse to the interest of political parties?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) There is no private TV Channel on Doordarshan platform. However, all the programmes and advertisements telecast on the various channels of Doordarshan, whether produced in-house or through private producers are governed by Boradcasting Code and the Code for Commercial Advertising of Doordarshan, respectively.

(b) Copies of the Broadcasting Code and the Salient features of the Code for Commercial Advertising on Doordarshan are annexed. (*See* below)

(c) Though no punitive action has been laid for contraventions of the respective Codes but Doordarshan takes utmost care to ensure that such occurrences do not arise. As and when such instances come to the notice of the organisation, such mistakes are rectified immediately.

(d) Private TV Channels are uplinking their programmes from outside the country do not come within the ambit of Indian laws. Cable operators in India are, however, required to ensure that the programmes telecast on such channels whose reception requires the use of a specialised gadget/decoder conform to the provisions of the programme/advertisement code prescribed in the Cable Television Networks (Regulations) Act 1995.

Broadcasting Code

Doordarshan's programmes shall not violate the Broadcasting Code which prohibits the following:

(i) Criticism of friendly countries;

(ii) Attact on religion or communities;

(iii) Anything obscene or defamatory;

(iv) Incitement to violence or anything against maintenance of law and order;

(v) Anything amounting to contempt of court;

(vi) Aspersions against the integrity of the President, Governors, and Judiciary;

(vii) Attack on a political party by name;

(viii) Hostile criticism of any State

or the Centre;

(ix) Anything showing disrespect to the Constitution or advocating change in the Constitution by violence, but advocating changes in a constitutional way should not be debarred.

Salient Features of Advertisement Codes

(a) Advertising shall be so designed as to conform to the laws of the country and should not offend morality, decency and religious susceptibilities of the people;

(b) No advertisement should be permitted which, inter-alia.

(i) tends to incite people to crime, cause disorder or violence, or breach of law or glorifies violence or obscenity in any way;

(ii) presents criminality as desirable;

(iii) in its depiction of women violates the constitutional guarantees to all citizens such as equality of status and opportunity and dignity of the individual. In particular no advertisements shall be permitted which projects a derogatory image of women.

(c) It should be ensured by the advertiser that portrayal of the female form is tasteful an aesthetic and is within the well establish norms of good taste and decency.

Private airlines not adhering to Scheduled Services

*173. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that of late some private airlines are not adhering to the commitments to operating schedule services to remote and backward areas, particularly, North-East, Jammu and Kashmir and Lakshadweep Islands;

(b) if so, the names of such airlines and the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure regular schedule services in all areas by the private airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) In accordance with the route dispersal guidelines laid down by the Government, all scheduled operators are required to deploy in the North-East, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshdweep, at least 10% of their capacity deployed on trunk routes. Action is taken against the defaulting airlines who fail to adhere to the said guidelines.

Recently M/s Modiluft, M/s Sahara India Airlines and M/s East West Airlines operations were cut on trunk routes to ensure compliance with these guidelines and M/s NEPC operated flights in lieu of flights to Agatti cancelled due to bad weather.

(c) Instructions have been issued to all the operators not to alter/modify or cancel flights from the schedule approved by the DGCA without obtaining latter's prior permission in writing. In case of any violation of the prescribed guidelines, necessary action is initiated by the DGCA against the operator under the Aircraft Act. 1934 and the rules framed thereunder.

Supply of Spurious and Outdated Medicines in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi

*174. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that spurious and outdated medicines are being supplied in Safdarjung Hospitals, New Delhi, to the patients both indoor and outdoor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one such case was detected is this hospital during first week of October, 1996 as reported in the Hindustan Times of 14th October, 1996—Delhi edition;